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Mount Massive.

A score of years ago a movement was started here to change the name of the great mass of a mountain that faces the Leadville basin and instead of Mount Massive give it a "local habitation and a name"—the name of an individual. The business fell by the wayside. Mount Massive it remains; Mount Massive it is. The one who named it did not have to cudgel his brains; no doubt it was the first thing that came to his mind, so apt is the name given to the great configuration that stands on such a solid base.

Bureaucracy has stolen a march on Colorado this time. According to the United States Geological survey, the highest knob or so-called peak of the mountain has been named "Gannet peak." The other "peaks," no doubt, will be given names by the same authority, if the people out this way are ready to accept their nomenclatures from Washington bureaucracy.

People are asking what is the claim of the person whose name has been given to the highest point in the Rocky Mountain range. Henry Gannett was a geographer of standing, employed by the federal government offices for a number of years. He rendered service to the state; and yet not such service as entitles him to such a distinction. The federal bureau has made the matter a personal one.

"Mount Massive" characterizes the pile; but if a more distinctive name is required, why not consult the people of Colorado? A name nationally known could be chosen and one that had close association with the state, with Leadville, very likely.

The Colorado Mountain club is justified in its protest.